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U.S. SCIENTISTS URGED TO TURN TO WAR WORK

New York, April 21.

Remedy for M. East dispute

Baghdad, April 20.
Leaving things for a time as the best remedy in the Syrian-Lebanese economic dispute, said Premier Tawfiq Alsawaidi, answering a question in the House of Representatives today on whether the Iraqi Government should not mediate between Syria and the Lebanon.

Premier Alsawaidi said, "When I was in Cairo I met the Syrian and Lebanese Premiers and expressed Iraq's readiness to mediate. The Lebanon desired and encouraged such mediation but Syria was slow and stubborn in acceptance. The question of dispute seemed deeper than what could be solved by mediation and attempts by the leaders of other Arab countries to mediate also failed."

Official communique

An official communique issued by the Director General of Propaganda announced, "The Iraqi Government continues its traditional policy not to hold any direct or indirect negotiations with the Palestine Jews on any question."

The communique referred to the mediation of the United Nations Conciliation Committee to solve the question of the Arab refugees and said, "Iraq did not participate in negotiations held by the Committee regarding the return of Arab refugees and their compensation and did not cooperate with the Committee nor enter into direct or indirect negotiations with the Jews."

"The Iraqi Government reiterates the pursuit of her traditional policy in regard to the settlement of the Palestine question and declares that she has authorized nobody to negotiate on her behalf in any form," Associated Press.

SCOTTISH TRADE UNION SUPPORT GOV'T

Glasgow, April 20.
The Scottish Trades Union Congress, meeting at Rothsay, today decided by a small majority to continue support for the Government's wage-pegging policy.

But immediately afterwards the annual conference decided by a large majority to support legitimate wage claims and prompt increases for all low paid workers.

Mr. Abe Moffat, Communist leader of the Scottish miners, moving the demand for increases, said, "We can hold our members no longer."

In reply to questions, the General Secretary, Mr. George Middleton, claimed that the two decisions were not in conflict, as the demand for increases for lower paid workers did not imply abandonment of the policy of wage restraint.

Opponents of the wage freeze were very vocal during the conference and bitterly attacked Sir Stafford Cripps' new austerity budget. — Reuter.

One of America's most responsible scientists has called for one out of four of his fellows to turn to "war work" without further delay. He is Dr. Edward Teller, University of Chicago physicist and authority on hydrogen bomb theory. He is himself already at work at this super-weapon.

"We are in a situation not less dangerous than the one we faced in 1939; Teller states in the current Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists. "It is of the greatest importance that we realize it. We must realize that mere plans are not yet bombs, and we must realize Democracy will not be saved by ideals alone."

The March issue of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists contains both Teller's article and another of opposite view by Albert Einstein.

"Back to the laboratories" is the title over Teller's argument. "Arms can bring no security" is the title of Einstein's. Colleagues say Hungarian-born Teller has been urging for years since the days of the Manhattan Project, in fact, that science should find out if an H-bomb is possible. Whether or not the United States tries to make one, he has argued, someone else almost certainly will—and that someone will be working under the hammer and sickle.

"No one will be glad to discover more fuel with which a coming conflagration may be fed," Dr. Teller asserts. "But scientists must find a modest way of looking into an uncertain future."

Not responsible

Scientists are not responsible for nature's laws, he holds. It is their job only to find out how they operate, "and can serve human will."

The responsibility of determining whether an H-bomb should be built and whether or how it should be used rests with the American people and their chosen representatives, contends Teller.

"Our scientific community has been on a honeymoon with meiosis," he says. "Hydrogen bombs will not produce themselves. Neither will rockets nor radar. If we want to live on the technological capital of the last war, we shall come out second best."

"This does not mean we should neglect research or teaching. If we get to work now, it will be sufficient to have perhaps one quarter of the scientists in war work. The load could be lightened by rotation. If we wait too long, not even the effort of all the scientists will suffice."

"Do we dare hope that all citizens in their turn will realize that Democracy will not be saved without some daring idealists? I do not believe that the hydrogen bomb or the whole arsenal of technological warfare will save the United States unless we accept the fact that the United States and all the freedom-loving people of the whole world must be saved."

"The grim alternative is that all of us will live in tyranny." All groups, this 42-year-old physicist pleads, must also keep trying for peace—and to the scientist, at least, it should be clear he can contribute by helping to make his country strong."

Both Teller and Einstein, it happens, are ardent advocates of world government as the only real solution.

Einstein's theory

"The idea of achieving security through national armament is at the present state of military technique a disastrous illusion. The maxim we have been following during these last five years has been, in short, security through superior military power, whatever the cost."

Now, Einstein asks, do we therefore act: "Establishing military bases at all possible strategically important points on this globe, Arming and economic

Treaty for Japan still far off

London, April 20.
The Manchester "Guardian," in an editorial, said today that peace settlement for Japan seemed as far off as ever.

It said, "On May 1st a Commonwealth working party is to meet to bring up to date ideas formed three years ago. Perhaps in another three years they will be repeating the process."

The editorial said the Commonwealth main interest in the Japanese treaty is self-protection against the Japanese export drive. It said the number of points of difference between the Commonwealth countries is not large although "there may be some difference between the Australians and ourselves about the military provisions of the treaty."

It said the Commonwealth working party has been formed chiefly "in order that the United States should be informed in advance about the line which will be taken by the Commonwealth at a Japanese peace conference. In that conference each participant will count technically as an equal. America will have one voice and so will Australia."

The United States, the editorial continued, "has far more of a split mind about the Japanese treaty than the Commonwealth." It pointed out the difference of opinion between the United States Departments of State and Defence and said, "Probably there can be no progress until the American public opinion has been resolved." — United Press.

General declaration

"Even a declaration of the nations to collaborate loyally in realization of such a 'restricted world government' would considerably reduce the imminent danger of war."

"In the last analysis, every kind of peaceful co-operation among men is primarily based on mutual trust and only secondarily on institutions such as courts of justice and others. This holds for nations as well as individuals. And the basis for trust is loyal give and take."

Teller is also troubled as a scientist by more limited yet vital questions of his own: "Can a hydrogen bomb be built, and how? Can we build it before the Russians succeed?"

Dr. Harold C. Urey of Chicago University, Nobel Prize winning chemist, has said he believes Russia is acquainted with H-bomb theory, and its production there is an early possibility if not an accomplished fact.

"Twelve prominent physicists—who oppose America's using an H-bomb unless another country uses one first—have warned: 'We shall not have a monopoly on this bomb. It is certain the Russians will be able to make one, too.' — Associated Press.

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BUDGET DEBATE IN HOUSE CONTINUING

Too little time devoted to sterling balances

WESTERN UNION ISSUE

Mr. Oliver Lyttleton, Conservative wartime Minister of Production, resuming the debate on the Budget in the House of Commons today, said he thought that Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, had devoted too little time in his budget speech to Sterling balances.

In 1949, he said, the overall figure of Sterling balances and debts Britain owed overseas had hardly changed at all. They stood at £3,344,000,000 at the end of 1949—a reduction of only £15,000,000 on 1948.

How long would Sterling Area countries be allowed to build up Sterling balances on that scale? he asked.

Challenges facing Government

London, April 20.

Challenge upon challenge faced Britain's Labour Government today as political opponents, Labour and private enterprise combined in a multiple barraged attack on wages and finances.

Conservative Party spokesmen in London tonight announced the Party's intention of bringing the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps' budget under fire.

Liberal Party criticism of the new Budget proposals voiced in Parliament tonight by the Liberal Party leader, Mr. Clement Davies, indicated that Labour may expect a Liberal-Conservative voting coalition when Sir Stafford's financial proposals come to the test in the House next week.

The first post-budget political test for the Government was expected tomorrow.

The Conservatives announced tonight that they would ask Mr. Herbert Morrison, Labour Leader of the House of Commons, for an assurance that during the debate on Purchase (Sales) taxes they would be able to question individual purchase special tax items.

Normally only general categories are debated.

If Mr. Morrison tomorrow refuses this concession the Opposition may bring the point to a vote on Monday.

Heavy artillery

But the heaviest political artillery will be brought to bear on the small majority Government next Wednesday when Parliament will vote on such contentious points as the additional tax on petrol.

The Government may not regard votes on procedural matters as a reason for resignation. But next week's votes on key items in the Chancellor's budget will be more difficult to ignore and could bring Parliament to a premature end.

Sickness and absenteeism and disagreement in their own ranks can reduce Labour's overall majority below the maximum of five at present holding together the Government of the United Kingdom.

On the industrial front the Labour Government today saw dockers in London and union members in Scotland cutting out in unequivocal opposition to policies laid down by their own leaders.—Reuter.

Underlying conception

Mr. Shinwell replied that the Government wished to make abundantly clear that the conception underlying the Western Union defence Treaty was not a military one but had regard to social considerations also.

He said the Council discussed such matters as social security, public health, assistance, war pensions and the rehabilitation of the disabled.

"He had it fully in mind that the maintenance of economic stability was a first priority in the defence of the Western world," he said.

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Dock strike in London Red-inspired

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Britain's Minister of Labour, Mr. George Isaacs, tonight described as clearly Communist-inspired the spreading strike which threatens to paralyse the Port of London.

Between 6,000 and 7,000 dockers had today joined the strike, which began suddenly yesterday afternoon.

Nearly half the 189 vessels in the Port were idle or undermanned—and leaders were moving up and down the River urging the remainder of the 27,000 dockers in Britain's greatest port to join the strike.

Mr. Isaacs told the House of Commons that the strike was due solely to the decision of the Dockers' Union—the Transport and General Workers—to expel three members because of their activities during a strike which crippled the Port of London last summer.

These members, he said, had refused to observe the rules of the constitution of the Union and would not give undertakings about their future conduct.

The Minister said that some members of the second union, the Stevedores, had stopped work, but added that the stoppage had nothing to do with a current dispute between the Stevedores and one of the Port employers.

"The present stoppage is clearly Communist-inspired and is nothing else than an attack on the democratic and constitutional rules of the Transport and General Workers' Union," Mr. Isaacs said.

"It is significant that the leader of this attack is a member of another union."

"This stoppage, in no way connected with any dispute with employers regarding rates and conditions of employment, shows once again the lengths to which the Communists are prepared to go in their losing attempt to gain control of the trade union movement," Mr. Isaacs concluded.—Reuter.

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Britain notes with interest statement by Australian PM

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He had been asked by Brigadier Austin Low (Conservative) what requests Britain had made to Australia for military or other help in Malaya, and what offers had been received from the Australian Government.

Mr. Leonard Gamman (Conservative) had also asked if the British Government proposed to take any action on Mr. Menzies' offer to consider seriously any request made by the British Government.

Mr. Gordon-Walker added, "You will appreciate that I cannot at this time properly divulge information about communications which may be passing between the United Kingdom Government and the Government of Australia on this subject."

On Monday Mr. Menzies said that Australia had a strong direct interest in Malaya and the whole of South East Asia and was ready to listen to requests.

"We have already shown we are interested in economic measures which will strengthen orderly government, and we will give serious consideration—I am making no commitment—to any kind of request made to us from the appropriate quarters," he said.

Brigadier Low asked if Mr. Gordon-Walker's reply meant that the British Government had not previously made any request to the Australian Government for help in Malaya.

Mr. Gordon-Walker added, "I do not think I should add any more."

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know that the Prime Minister of New Zealand, had also made a similar statement to that of Mr. Menzies.

"Will you impress on the Prime Minister (Mr. Clement Atlee) the tremendous value of a statement from him as soon as might be?" he asked.

Mr. Arthur Harvey (Conservative), "Does it not appear that you are allowing the Australian Government to take the initiative in this matter? Why not call a conference of all the Commonwealth Governments to discuss this matter?"

Mr. Gordon-Walker, "I do not think there is any need for a conference on this matter. There is to be a conference in Sydney on economic matters arising out of the Colombo Conference. This matter certainly can be settled by ordinary means between the two Governments. A conference would mean great delay."

Extraordinary

Was this not "rather extraordinary in view of the importance of the Commonwealth unity, particularly in this most important area of the world," he asked?

Mr. Gordon-Walker, "I think you will realise that requests of this sort are not made between one country and another in the Commonwealth and there is always elaborate consultation on these matters beforehand. I do not think I should add any more."

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Washington, April 20.

Authoritative sources said that the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, intended to make a strenuous effort to convince the French Government that it must allow the newly-created government of Vietnam in Indo-China more independence of action if it expected this regime to survive and to gain the confidence of other Asian peoples.

The sources said Mr. Acheson would try to impress this American attitude on the French Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, during their talks in Paris prior to the meeting of the British, French and American Foreign Ministers in London on May 15.

Mr. Acheson is expected to leave for Paris about May 8.

Official sources said Mr. Acheson was not so much concerned over the French promising the Vietnam Government headed by Bao Dai more autonomous power at present, as over putting into effect self-governing provisions which already had been agreed upon.

French sensitive

American officials have tried to make this point in conversations with French officials in recent weeks, but report that they found the French extremely sensitive and inclined to believe that the United States was pushing for greater power for Bao Dai than already agreed on.

For this reason it has been decided here that Mr. Acheson, who enjoys a very friendly personal relationship with Mr. Schuman, should try to explain that the United States was mainly concerned with the French failure to implement already agreed on.

Officials said the United States, which hesitated to recognize Bao Dai and which has promised American military and economic aid to his Government, feared that delay in the matter would weaken Bao Dai's position and lessen the value of his government as a barrier against Communism in South East Asia.—United Press.

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MOTURING NEWS AND VIEWS

MANY CHANGES IN NEW ROVER

Although the new Rover "75" has much in common mechanically with the model which was introduced two years ago the changes which are to be found in the 1950 edition go much deeper than the mere fitting of a completely new body of modern line.

The car can, in fact, be regarded as having been completely redesigned, although the price remains unaltered.

On the mechanical side, the engine has been modified for greater power and lower fuel consumption, the gear ratios have been raised, the transmission line rearranged, the chassis frame completely redesigned, and both front and rear suspension modified to give better steering geometry and an improved ride.

So far as coachwork is concerned, full-width modern styling has been coupled with increases in internal dimensions to provide four-door seating accommodation. Several novel equipment features are provided and, as before, refinement of performance and quality of constructional detail remain outstanding characteristics.

This car is now the sole model in the Rover car programme, the four-cylinder "60" edition having been discontinued.

Basically, the engine follows the now-familiar Rover practice of an inclined cylinder head with side exhaust and overhead inlet valves, both operated from a single side camshaft. In the 1950 edition, however, the design of the head has been changed to incorporate an internal inlet manifold fed by two horizontal runners, whilst the head itself is now cast in aluminium.

These changes have produced a double gain in that the new manifold and carburation arrangements provide a material increase in output, coupled with considerably improved fuel consumption, while the adoption of aluminium instead of cast iron for the head has resulted in a saving in weight of approximately 30 lb., rather than performance characteristics, being the reason for the decision to use aluminium.

Fuel consumption

Reverting to fuel consumption, development work has been concentrated on improving consumption under wide throttle openings, and tests show that, whilst the new model is slightly superior to the old under

conditions of light loading, it is very markedly better when driven hard.

The choke arrangements, incidentally, form a good example of Rover thoroughness in the matter of detail. The control on the fascia board adjusts the effective jet size in the usual S.U. manner and the control can also be left in a partially open position, which gives a fast tick-over (about 800 r.p.m.) without enriching the mixture. In other words, an enriched mixture need not be used to avert risk of stalling.

This, however, is not the end of the story. A prominent warning light is provided on the fascia board and this is wired through two switches, one connected to the control and the second to a thermostat. Operation of the control closes one switch, but still leaves the warning-light circuit broken at the other; when, however, the engine becomes warm, the second switch closes and the warning light appears.

Filtration arrangements are particularly thorough. So far as lubrication is concerned, a Wico-Pacy by-pass filter is accessibly mounted on the cylinder head and, as this has a very easily-replaced expendable element, there is no excuse for neglect.

Air filter

As it is of little use filtering the oil to prevent road grit finding its way into the engine, a small air filter has been fitted to the breather on the cylinder head, the breathing arrangements of the engine being so schemed that air enters at this point due to natural under-bonnet pressure and passes out through the rear exit breathing pipe, thus maintaining a through circulation.

In the induction, filtration arrangements are again unusually thorough, air entering via a large oil-bath cleaner and passing thence through an air silencer.

Other engine details include a pressurised cooling system and the latest Lucas distributor head with both vacuum and centrifugal control plus a vernier hand adjustment. In addition, the whole engine has now been mounted several inches farther forward on improved Metalastik mountings.

The clutch and gearbox (with free wheel) are basically as be-

fore, but the gear control has been changed to the steering-column type with a linkage in which cables have been completely avoided. Gear positions conform to American (and some British) practice, with top and third positions farther away from the wheel.

In moving the engine forward, the manufacturers have, of course, encountered additional problems in the matter of propeller-shaft length, and even had the previous expedient of fitting an extension to the rear of the gearbox been continued, a shaft of large diameter would still have been necessary to avoid whirling problems.

On the new "75" the gearbox extension has accordingly been abandoned in favour of a divided propeller shaft with a centre bearing mounted on rubber, this mounting being extremely flexible, so that its natural frequency is lower than that of the shafts at any road speed at which vibration would be likely. By this means the two sections can be kept of much smaller diameter than would otherwise be possible.

Full length

The new chassis frame now extends the full length of the car in place of ending abruptly at the forward anchorage of the rear springs. The former arrangement of mounting the rear spring shackles on the body structure has been discontinued because, although it resulted in some saving of weight, it possessed the disadvantage that specialised coachwork was not a very practicable proposition, whilst certain complications in assembly were inevitable. The new frame is of exceptionally robust-box section design, well braced by cross members.

At first glance, the front suspension appears little changed, but, in actual fact, has been modified considerably. As before, a single upper link is used with the sole function of locating the kingpins in a vertical plane, but this link is now in the form of a pressing, and separate telescopic shock absorbers are used.

The bottom links are very much longer, and are triangulated on a wide base to take braking torque, these links having been extended so that their rearward arms now virtually meet beneath the gearbox.

The whole design is so worked out that there is no out-of-line distortion at any of the pivot points and, as before, rubber bushes are used throughout. The geometry provides a constant track and toe-in, and an interesting modification consists in a change in the actual position of the coil springs themselves which are now nearer the centre of the car, permitting the use of a stouter and more stable spring. This change goes with the provision of a 50 per cent. increase in wheel movement, from 4½ ins. to 6½ ins. Arrangements are completed by an anti-roll bar.

Detail planning

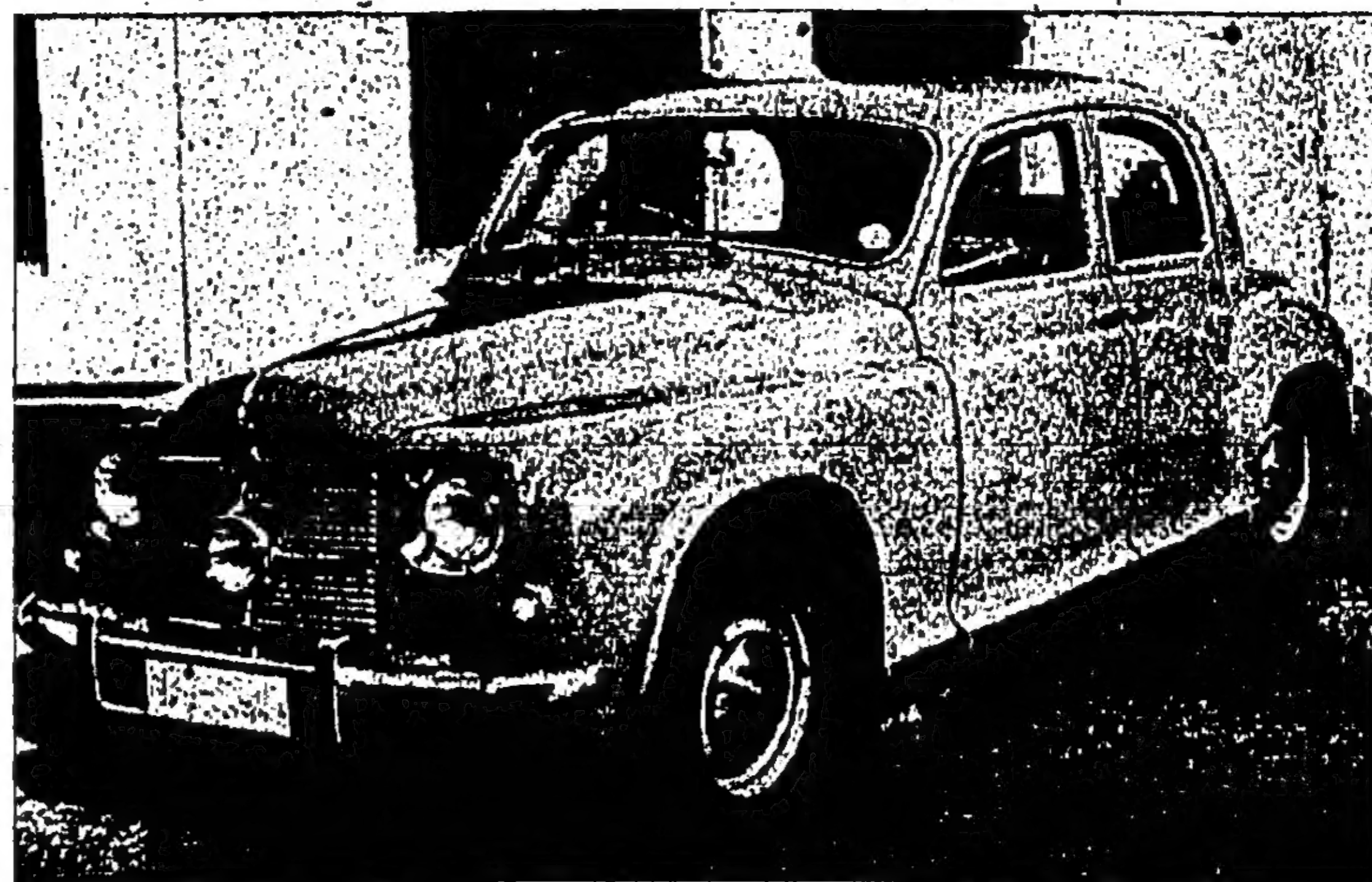
In the design of the body one finds numerous examples of careful planning and minute attention to detail. Of the four-door, four-light type, the coachwork provides adequate room for three to travel abreast in either front or rear end, and in both cases very wide folding arm-rests provide adequate lateral support when required. In addition, adjustable arm-rests are fitted to all doors.

The forward positioning of the engine has not only enabled the rear seat to be brought well forward of the back axle, but has also made it possible to use rear doors without the usual cut-away aperture to clear the wheel arches.

The doors themselves close on the centre pillar and have the modern press-button handles, whilst not only are the usual locking arrangements provided, but separate catches are incorporated which put the interior handles of the rear doors out of action.

This is a small and typical example of Rover thoughtfulness, since the arrangement allows children to be carried happily in the rear without any risk of them opening the doors. Another useful detail is the provision of hinges which "click" in the fully open position and prevent the doors swinging to inadvertently.

Owing to the forward position of the rear seats and the contours of the tail, the rear locker is exceptionally large. The spare wheel rests horizontally on its floor, but damage to luggage is avoided by surmounting it with a smooth retaining disc. The petrol filler cap has its own hinged panel in the near-side rear wing, with the catch operated from inside the boot.



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New Socony service station

An up-to-date Standard Vacuum service station is the one located at the intersection of Arsenal Street and Lockhart Road, which was erected recently and is now operated by Mr. Ip Moon-ching, of the International Motor Supply Co. Equipment (at the Arsenal Street station) includes two petrol pumps, two lubrication points and two air-oil separators. It also has a display of Atlas Tyre batteries, sparkplugs, automotive accessories and automotive specialty products distributed by Standard Vacuum.

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The Japanese tore down the station to make way for a parade ground.

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Yugoslavia disapproves of Italian attitude

Belgrade, April 20.

Mr. Leo Mates, the Yugoslav Deputy Foreign Minister in a statement to the Foreign Press here today, said that his Government strongly disapproved of the Italian Government's anti-Yugoslav attitude in connection with Trieste. It considered it detrimental to international co-operation, he added.

M. Mates indicated, however, that Yugoslavia was ready now, as in the past, to enter into direct negotiations with Italy on the problem of the Free Territory.

"But this does not depend on our Government alone. Mutual agreement means mutual desire for it," M. Mates said.

In his statement, M. Mates deplored the anti-Yugoslav campaign at present going on in Italy, all the more so, he said, as the participation in it of state broadcasting and newspapers expressing governmental opinion showed that it was supported by the Italian Government.

M. Mates said great injustice was inflicted upon Yugoslavia by the peace treaty with Italy. Among the hardest of these was the "separation from Yugoslavia of large areas in which even today Slovenes and Croats represent the majority of the population despite all previous and systematic and continuous denationalisation."

The Yugoslav Government, M. Mates said, had nevertheless accepted this "painful sacrifice" with a view to peaceful international co-operation and signed treaties.

Desire for peace

"The Yugoslav Government has thus unequivocally demonstrated its desire and readiness to settle international questions in a spirit of mutual understanding and international co-operation."

"However, the Italian Government had not accepted this course but had directed their activity with regard to the Free Territory towards the realisation of territorial claims inherited from Italian regimes in the past."

It had, by a series of unilateral acts, gradually incorporated Zone "A" in the Italian financial, Customs, administrative and political system. At the same time, it had, according to M. Mates, supported and encouraged chauvinistic campaigns against Yugoslavia.

"Such a policy and such an attitude of the Italian Government and of responsible political circles, organised groups and individuals in Italy, followed by a systematic anti-Yugoslav campaign in the press and radio, left a great impression on Yugoslavia which could not be passed over in silence."

The "evil character" of the campaign was illustrated by the fact that the most vociferous participants were people ranging from the "extreme Fascist groups and former war criminals to the representatives of anti-Yugoslav policy in the Cominform camp."

Strong disapproval

M. Mates declared that his Government strongly disapproved of the Italian Govern-

ment's attitude, which endeavoured by such means to corroborate and justify its unjust territorial claims. He said it was necessary to point out that the Yugoslav Government "will never, and to no extent, yield to any campaign or unilateral action which should be contrary to the principles of peaceful co-operation among nations, regardless where and in what form such campaigns or actions originate."

"This referred particularly to the annexation of Zone A to Italy and particularly to the completely unfounded and anti-democratic aspiration towards Zone B."

Replying to questions afterwards, M. Mates declared that the Yugoslav policy was to settle all questions outstanding with Italy by peaceful means and direct negotiations.

Asked if his Government was ready to start negotiations right away, he replied: "We are ready and desirous to have them but that does not mean that we are ready to disregard facts. So we see no possibility of having them tomorrow."

"If the Italian Government really desires negotiations I see no obstacles why we should not do so."

M. Mates would not comment on the three-power declaration on March 20 last year. Mr. Mates said it was an act negotiated by three governments "without the participation of, or consultation with, Yugoslavia and therefore this decision cannot influence the foreign policy of Yugoslavia,"—Reuters.

Rain-making in the Sudan

New York, April 20.

Edgar Queeny, chairman of the board of the Moniata Chemical Company, returned from a four month hunting and photographing expedition in Africa today and reported that rainmakers in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan may have something to teach their New York counterparts.

Queeney said that cloudy weather was hampering his picture making one day so he offered a Sudanese rainmaker a reward of \$100 if he would clear the sky. He said the rainmaker sacrificed a black goat and cooked it in pots containing the bones of past rainmakers.

"Within a few hours there was a 30-minute rainfall which cleared the sky,"—United Press.

Acheson, Bevin may discuss Jap peace treaty

Washington, April 20.

Informed quarters said today that the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, would discuss the subject of the Japanese peace treaty during their talks in London prior to the opening of the conference of the "Big Three" Foreign Ministers on May 15.

It was expected that the treaty would also be one of the points on the agenda when the French Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, joined Mr. Acheson.

These three officials agreed in Washington last September that the holding of the Japanese peace conference was an urgent matter. However, since that time little if any progress has been made.

Officials here view the Bevin-Acheson talks as the treaty as of the utmost importance, since they believe some sort of U.S.-Commonwealth agreement on procedure and terms must precede any progress.

State Department officials are in the process of preparing for Mr. Acheson a summary of the "United States" position as it has been worked out so far. On the British side, Mr. Bevin will have a brief resulting from the deliberations of representatives of Commonwealth nations who will meet in London on May 1 to exchange the views of their governments on the subject of the Japanese treaty.

Warning issued

However, Commonwealth representatives here and in America are being warned against expressing any dramatic new approach to the question from

the London sessions of the Big Three. They said on neither the Commonwealth nor on the American side was the position sufficiently well-defined to permit of any decision at this time other than reaffirmation of the mutual desire for an early treaty.

United States officials will not be able to provide either the Commonwealth treaty meeting or Mr. Bevin with any definite draft treaty proposal since inter-Department agreement on terms still has not been reached here. On the other hand, there is certain to be some disparity in the views of the Commonwealth nations concerning certain aspects of the treaty.

The Indian Government, reportedly does not acquiesce in the view, held by most other Commonwealth nations, that the United States must be permitted to make post-treaty defence arrangements for Japan. This is but one of several differences which, according to Commonwealth sources, will make it impossible for the Commonwealth treaty party to produce any single agreed treaty draft in position.—United Press.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

The quiz boys are coming

Am I a menace to Anglo-American relations? Mr. Herb Caen, the San Francisco columnist, describes me as "anti-American." Mr. Cholly Knickerbocker, society editor of the New York "Journal American," calls on me to say a kind word for the United States for a change.

And the other night, when Sir William Roques was on the Fitzgerald radio and television show and was holding forth on Anglo-American concord and amity, Fred Fitzgerald hissed: "What about Don Iddon?" Sir William replied with dignity: "Where's your sense of humour?"

Sir William was of course, right. The reason I am subjected to American abuse and criticism is because I take pleasure in giving a large-sized tug to the attractive American leg.

Not enjoyed

Not many Americans enjoy this process. They will trot out canned wisecracks about British brussels sprouts, the size of British women's feet, the absurdity of British monodies, accents, bowler hats, braces, the thinness of our island, the antiquated nature of our "Empire," the density of our fog and our intelligence, but when I make a mild rejoinder I am a plain scoundrel in the pay of the Kremlin.

I am fearful what the census takers are going to ask me. They will be here any day now—140,000 specially trained men and women, experts at prodding and probing, masters of the penetrating question. I have been warned to hide nothing.

They will want to know how much I earn and if I keep boarders; the brand of my toothpaste and my taste in pyjamas; how much I smoke and drink and whether I like double-breasted waistcoats; which radio programmes I listen to and which newspapers I read. Or can I read?

I brace myself for the ordeal with Joe Miller's Joke Book in my hand.

Later, I think, I shall lend the book to Senator Robert Taft. He is the outstanding American peer in this week, campaigning strenuously in the State of Ohio and anxious for re-election. But there is not a belly-laugh in his entire batch of speakers. He plods along muttering that President Truman is taking America down the British road to disaster.

He sees almost as many Communists in the State Department as the king of kingly-nothing, Senator Joseph McCarthy.

Mr. Truman, a jokelover himself, just laughs.

The forgotten man, Thomas E. Dewey, is also in the news, suddenly remembered again. The man who was almost President but not quite has said he has given up all political ambitions,

but there are stirrings and rumblings in Albany.

"Anyone who writes off Dewey isn't much of a writer. Young, vigorous, progressive—compared to Taft—he still sees himself in the White House."

The hard hitting of Messrs. Taft and Dewey is modest and restrained, compared with what's going on in the rest of the country.

The Congressional election is not until November, but in Oklahoma candidates ride elephants and drive donkey carts. In Florida Senator Claude Pepper sweeps down Main-street in a carnival float. There are candidates in autogyros, steamboats, and blimps. Circus are being raided and chorus girls hired.

Now we know

Under the hot Southern sun the microphones yell. Worst statement made yet by a politician—Senator Pat McCarran, silver-tongued plug-man for the silver interests of Nevada and just back from Europe: "I see no solution to that permanent crisis in England, which threatens to reduce that nation to permanent second-class status. Helpless as an ally against the Communist creed, helpless to head off the battle for Europe."

So we are second class and helpless. The Senator, a third-rater, must be very short-sighted. That's enough from Nevada.

I believe all this American anxiety about Britain is due largely to the nation's chronic insomnia. Americans are the world's record-breakers in insomnia.

In one year the sleep-seeking citizens buy 3,360,000,000 sleeping pills, an average of 24 pills for every American who ever puts his head to a pillow. This is a plethora of pills, yet sleep remains illusive.

Sleep shops

Special articles are being published by newspapers and magazines listing hints, notions, and nostrums to woo sleep.

Stores have special sleep shops. In New York Lewis and Conger sell "yawn-inducing" plaques, sleep-by-mental-suggestion gramophone records, vibrators to relax muscles, eye-shades and head-warmers, crumblers and soundless crackers, car-stoppers, musical typewriters for pre-bed relaxation, fragrance dispensers, no-hands reading stands, clocks with light alarms, slumber bath-powders, and sherry-and-milk nightcaps. "I'll take the last. I am an insomniac myself and have come to the conclusion that there's no cure."

I have tried barbiturates, run around the reservoir, old ale, raw gin, hot water, reading the "Daily Herald," prayer, and anger, but

all have failed. I reconcile myself to a life of sleeplessness.

If less were said about insomnia we all might cuddle comfortably under the covers, but there is an o-y of comment on sleeplessness.

Item: Best party I attended this week was one given by New York's night-club king Sherman Billingsley for society columnist Charles Ventura of the New York "World Telegram." Five hundred attended the Stork Club, talked, drank, danced until four a.m. The cost? Not less than £1,000. The reason? Mr. Ventura can give the Stork an awful lot of good or bad publicity.

The meat shortage is over. In Chicago they are serving 7in.-thick steaks. Seventh heaven or tough going? Anyway, it's more than a Briton and his entire family get in a month.

Best-selling book is Englishman Henry Green's "Nothing." The mysterious Midlands industrialist proves he is a wonderful writer. There is a trend against blood and brutality in novels. Decay and decadence are out. Romance is back.

Clothes are three per cent more expensive than last year, and finery is less flippant. Spring hats are cartwheels, straws, little beanie with veils. To be hatless is to be scornful.

Latest reducing slogan: Don't give up the shape.

They say that some women think they are human dynamos because everything they wear is charged.

They say

Gambling in Miami is now so tight that the only things you hear rolling are the waves. Those who shout loudest about Red-baiting are usually the easiest for the Communists to hook.

Show business: Broadway is booming. Five April openings are due, including "Peter Pan" and "A Phoenix Too Frequent," by Christopher Fry.

Helen Hayes gives the performance of the week in "The Wistaria Tree"—enraptured.

The British film "Bond Street," with Roland Young and Derek Bond, proved a cul-de-sac here. Not very roadworthy.

Veterans return

The veterans are back in the show-places—Charlie Chaplin in "City Lights," W. C. Fields in a revived series of his comedies, and Buster Keaton, the dubious, on television.

The modern comics Kaye, Hope, Berie are overshadowed.

Carol Channing as Lorelei Lee is still sensational. Whatever happened to Arthur Rank? No Yanks are at King Arthur's Court and he makes no news.

Footnote: The announcement that Britain is again hitching its belt is not surprising. It's always easy to find another hole in Socialism.

Intelligence officer contradicts Budenz statement on Lattimore

Washington, April 20.

Professor Louis F. Budenz, former Communist editor, testified today that Mr. Owen Lattimore was a member of a "Communist Cell," but a retired military intelligence officer called Mr. Lattimore in no way an agent of the Communist party nor of the USSR.

The officer Brigadier General Elliott R. Thorpe, identified himself as Chief of Counter-Intelligence and Civil Intelligence on the staff of General Douglas MacArthur during World War Two.

Professor Budenz swore that Mr. Lattimore, an expert on Far Eastern affairs, was assigned, as a member of the Red "Cell," to help direct a Red conspiracy to betray China to the Communists. Testifying under oath before a Senate investigation committee, Professor Budenz declared that Mr. Lattimore was identified by the mysterious letters "L" or "K" in reports of the Communist party's American Politburo.

Under heavy cross examination, he said he had never seen Mr. Lattimore at a Communist party meeting and could only rely on the reports of high Communist officials.

He said Earl Browder, former head of the Communist party in the United States, referred to Mr. Lattimore as a Communist. "I have participated in meetings of the Politburo where discipline was exercised over him (Lattimore)," the former editor of the Communist "Daily Worker," testified.

He explained that by "discipline" he meant steps were taken to make sure that Mr. Lattimore carried out the party line.

"Being under discipline is the same as being a member of the party," he said.

munist operating under the party's "disciplinary control." Senator McCarthy made the charge against Mr. Lattimore as a "stand or fall" test of his sweeping contention that the State Department is a hotbed of Communism.

But the witness, who quit the Communist party in 1945 after 10 years in its upper echelons, disputed Senator McCarthy's claim that Mr. Lattimore is Russia's Number One spy in the United States.

"To my knowledge," he said, "that statement is technically not accurate."

"From my own knowledge, I would not say that he (Lattimore) was the top Soviet agent."

General direction

Professor Budenz said it was agreed at a 1935 meeting of Communist party leaders, including Browder, that Mr. Lattimore would be given general direction in organizing Communist writers who would put across the "idea" that the Communists in China were agrarian reformers.

He said Mr. Lattimore was recommended by top Communists for having placed a number of Communist writers in the Institute of Pacific Affairs. One of these writers, he said, was Mr. James B. Allen, whom he identified as a representative of the Communist International in the Philippines and a foreign editor of the "Daily Worker," Associated Press.

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The King visits Shakespeare Memorial Theatre

Stratford on Avon, England, April 20.
A visiting amateur invaded the Shakespeare
Memorial Theatre today and immediately took
over like an old pro.
First he told the leading man, Shakespearean actor
Anthony Quayle, that he was not wearing his
King's costume correctly.

Debate on foreign aid bill opens

Washington, April 20.
The Senate debate on President Truman's vast anti-Communist Foreign Aid Bill opened today with complaints that some Marshall Plan nations discriminated against American business interests and that Western Europe was too slow in integrating its economy.

The complaints came from Mr. Tom Connally (Democratic Senator, Texas), Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and a champion of the principles of the Marshall Plan.

At the same time, he appealed for united, non-partisan support for the \$3,372,450,000 aid measure to counter Russian imperialism.

He urged Democrats and Republicans to unite in the field of foreign relations to pass the global aid bill.

The Bill would authorize \$3,100,000,000 for European recovery, \$100,000,000 for Korea, about \$100,000,000 for the non-Communist general area of China, \$45,000,000 to give technical help to the world's underdeveloped areas, and \$27,450,000 for Palestine Arab refugees.

Mr. Connally said a continuation of this program would permit the United States to create situations of strength in the world at points where the Soviet Union is doing its best to create weakness and disunity. But he complained that certain Marshall Plan countries "under the guise of saving dollars" had imposed restrictions which discriminated unfairly against American businessmen. Although Mr. Connally did not name the countries it was regarded as referring principally to Britain's decision to restrict American oil imports to conserve dollars, about which he had earlier protested.

He said, "No stone must be left unturned in preventing such discrimination."—Reuter.

Elizabeth's birthday

Valletta, Malta, April 20.
Princess Elizabeth will spend her 24th birthday tomorrow privately at the Villa Guardia Mangia, where she is staying with the Earl and Countess Mountbatten.

The King and Queen are expected to telephone birthday greetings to the Princess during the day and hundreds of telegrams and messages of congratulations are already beginning to pour in at the Villa from all parts of the world. The Duke of Edinburgh, who is serving with the Mediterranean Fleet, has been granted leave for the day. The Princess, who has cancelled all public engagements until after the birth of her July or August, has promised, however, to present the trophies of winning polo teams at the United Services Sports Club tomorrow afternoon.

Lord and Lady Mountbatten will also attend the presentations before returning to the small private party at the Villa, to which the Duke's Naval friends and friends of the Mountbattens have been invited. Maltese government and service departments have been given a half day off tomorrow for celebrations.—Associated Press.

LIE CONFERS WITH TRUMAN

Washington, April 20.
The UN Secretary General, Trygve Lie, conferred today with President Harry Truman and announced later that he is still undecided whether or not to visit Moscow during his forthcoming trip to Europe. Asked what will determine whether he will visit the Russian capital or not, he replied, "It's impossible to say at this moment." He plans to attend the meeting of the UN Administrative Coordinating Committee in Paris on May 2. Of his visit to President Truman, Dr. Lie said, "We had a good talk about various United Nations matters."—Associated Press.

Interested in thrones

King George seemed particularly interested in the twin thrones on a high dais. He asked Quayle who plays Henry and Stage Director Michael Langham about the thrones.

Quayle said the thrones were sometimes pretty hard to reach from the steep steps of the dais. "Yes, they are rather high," King George said, smilingly. Then the party went to Quayle's dressing room where the robes of King Henry the Eighth and the insignia of the Order of the Garter were laid out.

"That is not the way the garter should be laid out," King George told Quayle, rearranging it correctly.

The King's visit came only three days before the date of Shakespeare's birthday. Birthday ceremonies, however, will be observed on Saturday, when American Ambassador Lewis Douglas will unveil a plaque in the foyer of the theatre commemorating American contributions to the theatre's building fund.—Associated Press.

Trial of Czech spies re-opens

Prague, April 20.
The trial of the six Czechs accused of high treason and espionage re-opened today at Prague's Fankrat Court. Milos Sprysal, 29-year-old clerk, pleaded guilty "with some exceptions." The official news agency described him as "cynically open, a staunch enemy of the People's Democratic regime and its people." Sprysal declared that another defendant, Wahl, lured him into spying under the pretence that it was being organized on behalf of a new Czechoslovak Government forming abroad. The official radio said that the third accused, Dr. Jiri Dohnalek, former chief of the Diplomatic Protocol of the Foreign Ministry, pleaded guilty to all charges. The radio also said that from the testimony of Wahl and Major Nechanaky, the chief defendant, it had been proved that the former Minister of Industry Mr. Bohumil Lausmann, had collaborated with the spying group with the full knowledge of American diplomats in Prague. Nechanaky is the son in law of Lausmann. Dr. Dohnalek said Miss Louisa Shafner, third Secretary of the U.S. Embassy, was mainly interested in conditions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in the mood of factory workers. She also wanted to know about the reorganization of the Foreign Ministry. Dr. Dohnalek confessed that he gave her the plan of reorganization and names of some of the heads of departments at the Ministry. He also stated that after having been dismissed from the Ministry he had trouble in finding employment and that Dr. Stone, a clerk of the Ministry, used his predicament to involve him in anti-state work.—Associated Press.

CHINA FAMINE

New York, April 20.
The famine in China has hit 17,000,000 people, A. Vaught, Secretary for the Church World Service said in a report released today. "There are 6,000,000 famine sufferers in Anhwei alone and other areas are affected," Mr. Vaught said. "The total number of sufferers has been as high as 17,000,000." Vaught said his information was based on reports from Dr. Robert T. Henry, CWS representative in China.—Associated Press.

Belgium's Cabinet crisis

Brussels, April 20.
Social Christian (Catholic) members of the Belgian Parliament today said that they would vote in favour of a bill designed to allow King Leopold to delegate temporarily his prerogatives to his 19-year-old son, Prince Baudouin.

This compromise solution to the nation's five-year-old constitutional deadlock was proposed by the King himself in a message broadcast to the Belgian people at the end of last week.

Following a meeting of the Catholic Parliamentarians today a communiqué announced that "to permit a Government to be formed based on the King's message," Catholic members of both Houses would "adhere, on the legislative plane, to a solution respecting constitutional principles which would allow Prince Baudouin temporarily to exercise the prerogatives of the Crown."

The Catholic decision is expected to greatly facilitate the Cabinet-forming mission of the Premier-designate, M. Paul Van Zeeland.

A Catholic spokesman said today, "We are more than half way across the stream. We are well on the way to a solution to our Royal problem." Unless some last minute hitch

ARAB LEAGUE DECISION ON JORDAN'S ACTION

Cairo, April 20.
Experts in Arab affairs forecast here today that the Arab League would invent some face-saving device to meet the "fait accompli" presented by King Abdullah in incorporating Eastern Palestine into his Kingdom of Jordan.

However, Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, the Secretary-General of the seven-member League, has so far given no indication as to the precise action which the League will take.

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The Arab League, following its recent meeting in Cairo, is pledged to outlaw Jordan by ending its membership of the League and taking political and economic sanctions against it. But instead of expelling Jordan from the League, and thus forcing it into closer contact with Israel, experts think the League will decide to regard King Abdullah's action as illegal. The League, it is thought, may also conveniently escape embarrassment by regarding Jordan as only the administering authority of those parts of Palestine that King Abdullah has incorporated in his Kingdom, pending a final settlement of the whole Palestine problem.

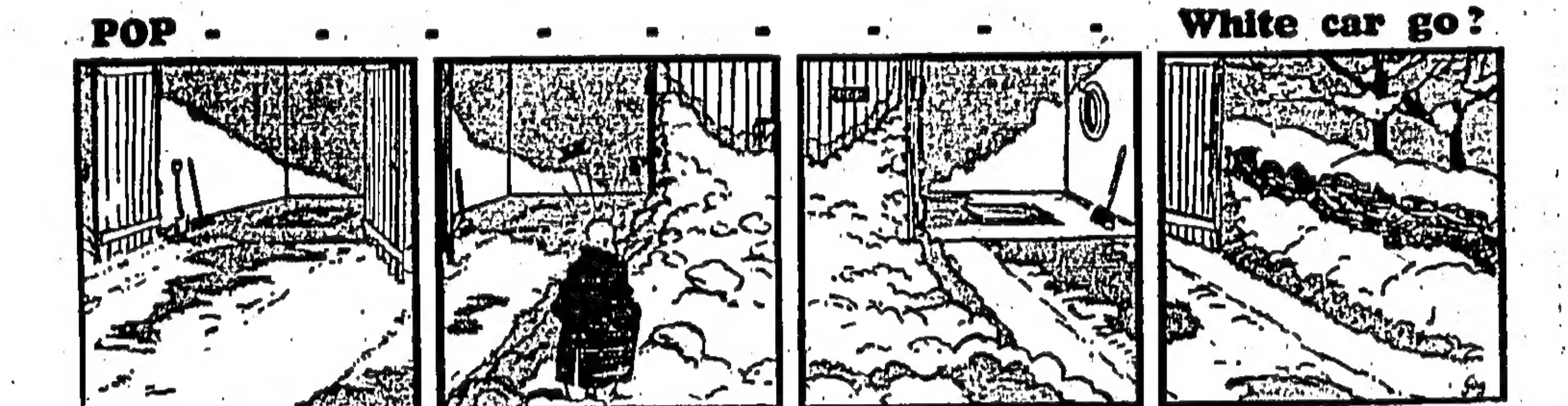
This fits in with the still operative resolution taken by the League's Political Committee on December 4, 1948, that those parts of Palestine now occupied by Arab forces are being held in trust until they can be surrendered to their "rightful owners," who will decide their own future. A formal announcement of the incorporation is expected to be made when the newly-elected Jordan Constituent Assembly in which half the 40 deputies represent Arab Palestine—meets at Amman next Monday.

The incorporation doubles the size and population of Jordan. King Abdullah's main argument for incorporation is that Jordan cannot continue to bear the financial responsibility for its administration.

He is reported to be anxious to go ahead with reconstruction projects (embodied in the \$50 million Clap Report) for the settlement and rehabilitation of 400,000-odd Arab refugees in his care.

White car go?

King Abdullah is reported to have asked the Egyptian Prime Minister, Mustapha Nahas Pasha, to send observers to ascertain whether the polling was free, but other members of the Arab League say that to concede annexation at this stage would "disrupt" the whole Arab Palestine case pending before the United Nations. It would also "rob" Palestinians of the right to self-determination, they say.—Reuter.



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Romulo maps out pact plans

New York, April 20. The United Nations General Assembly President, Carlos Romulo, returned from the Philippines today to set the stage among representatives of South East Asia countries at Lake Success and Washington for a conference at Baguio, P.I., late in May to discuss the formation of a non-Communist Pacific union.

The Filipino diplomat, who arrived at LaGuardia airport from Los Angeles, said that eight to 10 Pacific nations would take part in the Baguio conference but that he was not free to name them yet.

He said the plans to return to the Philippines about May 5 and in the meantime, "I will continue sounding out Asian countries in the United Nations and Washington regarding the proposed Pacific Union."

Romulo said, "Don't call it an anti-Communist union. It is not an anti-Communist meeting. We are not holding this conference against anybody. It is a conference to South Eastern Asia and Pacific free and democratic countries to discuss common political and economic and cultural problems. The meeting is to preserve our freedoms. No pact is envisaged nor are any military commitments anticipated. It is strictly a consultative conference."

He was accompanied by his wife, Adriana Garcia. He was met at the airport by his wife and 15 members of the Philippine delegation to the United Nations—United Press.

EXPERTS STUDY URANIUM THEORY

Bristol, April 20. British atom experts were today studying a 27-year-old University student's theory that uranium deposits may lie beneath the hot springs of Bath, Somerset, and other watering centres.

The student, Mr. Ian Ford, studying geology at Bristol University, said here today that he had visited the atomic research centre at Harwell, Berkshire, to explain his theory.

Mr. Ford said he believed considerable deposits of radioactive uranium could be found in the hot springs area, and that the discovery would be of great importance to the atomic energy industry.

WISHFUL THINKING ABOUT HO BY WESTERN WORLD

'Movie Czar' dreaming of the future

Hollywood, April 20. A young ex-millionaire and former bank president is serving chop suey and fried shrimp these nights to Hollywood bigwigs—but between courses he's blueprinting a plan to become the movie czar of China.

Peter Chang, 42-year-old and bright-eyed, is a restaurant owner now. But back in Shanghai he was as big a celebrity as any of the big-shots who flock in for his "celestial food."

He was sort of a Chinese "Orson Welles" in the financial world over there. By the time Peter was 37 he was president of two banks, he'd earned \$1,000,000, and he was married to one of the most beautiful women in all China.

Then came the Chinese Communist revolution. He was a bigwig in the Nationalist government; owned a textile mill, and headed a syndicate of three men who bought up all the war surplus on Leyte for \$400,000.

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Doing alright, too. This is the first time Hollywoodites have eaten the aristocratic dishes of the upper classes of China. But Peter's not satisfied.

Making plans

Being a "chop suey man," as he calls it, is a let-down from the excited spot he's used to. So he's making plans.

"As soon as the Communists leave," he says, "I will move in the movie czar of all China. It will be easy. It took me 15 years to make my first million. This time it will take me only five."

Here's the way Peter figures: "I will get all the creative artists in China under contract," he explained. "Then when Hollywood needs a certain man, I will make sure he gets the job."

"Meanwhile, I will be building theatres throughout China. A hundred the first year, 200 the next, and so on. Then I will get Chinese rights to all the old Hollywood films. That should cost about \$20,000 per film. These I can show over and over and over in China."

"Also I will make my own movies over there. I will run them in my own theatres. I will have no difficulty getting the money. All the bankers over there know Peter. I can get as much credit as I want."

Sounds simple. But first, somebody's got to clean out the Communists. Till then, Peter'll have to be satisfied with his reputation as one of the best cooks in town.—United Press.

Civilian heads for Austria

Vienna, April 20. Civilian High Commissioners will be appointed for the three Western zones of Austria some time this summer, diplomatic circles reported in Vienna today.

An announcement to that effect is expected to be made simultaneously in London, Paris and Washington, the sources said. The change of administration will probably be made on July 1.

Britain and France have already drawn up tentative plans to put their administrative control of Austria into civilian hands. The State Department in Washington has a plan now under consideration but it has not yet received final approval.

The concerted action by the Western powers reflects their firm belief that the conclusion of an Austrian treaty of independence is still in the distant future.

Treaty negotiations are to be resumed in London on April 26 but it is felt in Vienna they will be further postponed by the inability of the Western powers to reach any major agreement with the Russians.

Britain is expected to name Sir Harold Caccia, at present British Minister to Austria, as its High Commissioner.

The French post may go to General Emile Bethouart, who has been military High Commissioner since September 1945.

General Bethouart will probably be placed on inactive duty by the French Army, the sources said.

General Bethouart is the only one of the four original High Commissioners still on duty in Vienna.

The U. S. State Department has not yet selected a man for the post.

Bangkok, April 20. A great deal of Western world thinking about Ho Chi Minh in Indo-China is wishful while much more is confused by lack of information. In the view of observers who have watched developments in Vietnam for many years, the recent hubbub that arose over Yugoslavia's recognition of Ho's Republic of Vietnam is an example.

Immediately after the recognition there were reports and varied conjectures that the diplomatic development indicated Titoist leanings in the Ho Chi-minh hierarchy. Later, Ho's government was reported by radio to have attacked Tito as an American tool. This step only confused the wishful thinkers who now spoke of an "about face."

The simple facts are that it is much too early in the Marxist game to label Ho. He is still posing as a Vietnamese patriot who is "above politics." You cannot get any one of his followers to admit Ho is a Communist, let alone an individual involved in the far-off Stalin-Tito disagreement.

As far as the question of Yugoslavia recognition is concerned, the facts in the matter speak for themselves. They also make it clear there is no ideological question involved. Here is briefly what happened:

Because there is no connection with the outside world with Ho Chi-minh's French-fighting forces in Northern Indo-China, the Bangkok office of his government circulated Ho's formal request for recognition. With it they sent a covering letter from Bangkok to all foreign missions in this city.

Request mailed

Then, Ho's representative in Thailand, Nguyen Due Quy, mailed Ho's request for recognition to virtually every world capital whose governments are not represented in Bangkok.

Not contacted were Franco's Spain and the French Government, the former because of its Fascist nature, the latter because Ho insists he already had been recognised by France during the futile negotiations after V-J Day.

One of those contacted was Yugoslavia which quickly joined the Soviet bloc in recognising Ho Chi-minh.

Ho's spokesmen here say emphatically there is no significance whatever in Yugoslavia's action. They ignore the Stalin-Tito feud and also doubt that Ho Chi-minh radio attacked Tito. But, it is nothing unusual for Ho's emissaries to take a neutral, non-political line while Ho himself may be more properly Marxist. Then, again, it must be remembered that news from Ho Chi-minh is always filtered. Statements from Saigon are those monitored by the French Government.

Ho's representatives in Bangkok say further that requests from Ho went out to the United States and Great Britain. They incidentally would welcome such recognition, which of course is not forthcoming. They ask whether Britain's recognition of Red China, means that Britain is Communist or whether Mao-Tse-tung is capitalist.

Tito is Communist

Anyone who has followed Communist thinking will see nothing unusual in Yugoslavia's recognition of Ho Chi-minh. Tito is a Communist and all wishful thinking cannot change that. In Marxist language, Yugoslavia is a "people's state," in that the government is the executive party of the ruling class which in Yugoslavia is the people, or the workers.

Stalinists say that there are a few "tops" in the Yugoslav Government who deviate from the party line which is set down.

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12.15—Morning Prayer. (Studio)	12.30—"Hing Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
12.35—Genre of Jazz.	12.45—New New Variety.
1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.	1.25—Interlude.
1.30—"Nothing but Music"—Lionel B. (Studio)	1.35—Torch Conducting the Queen's Hall Light Orchestra. (OROS)
2.00—"Forces Choice"—Presented by Ravi Trebor. (Studio)	2.05—"American Patrol"—A Programme of Record Classics Introduced by Lionel B. (Studio)
2.10—"Hospital Requests"—Presented by "Amber". (Studio)	2.15—"Lionel B. (Studio)
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SHIP	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
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"TJITJALENGKA"	6th May	11th May

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SHIP	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"TJIBADANE"	In Port	1st May
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	13th May	6th May
"TEGELBERG"	30th May	1st June

* Not proceeding to South America
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JAPAN

SHIP	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"TJIBADANE"	In Port	6th May
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	4th May	6th May
"TEGELBERG"	30th May	1st June

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"PIONEER COVE"	May 4	May 17
"PIONEER MAIL"	May 17	May 30
"PIONEER BAY"	May 30	May 13

SAILING TO MANILA

SHIP	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"PIONEER COVE" (via Yokohama, Takubaru)	May 5	May 18
"PIONEER MAIL" (via Yokohama)	May 18	May 31
"PIONEER BAY" (via Yokohama, Fusan, Takubaru)	May 31	May 13

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SHIP	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"PIONEER SEA"	Arr. Apr. 27	Sails Apr. 20
"PIONEER COVE"	May 28	May 30
"PIONEER MAIL"	June 5	June 7
"PIONEER BAY"	June 26	June 28

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"ANNITSA"	EAST COAST U.S.A.	26th Apr.
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"TRITON"	do	15th May
"SOROL"	do	19th May
"ARISTIDES"	do	6th June

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

British trade with Red China up in the air

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

For some weeks now the Market has been in a depressed mood. Nothing is inherently wrong with the Companies but there seems to be an overhanging cloud of pessimism and at the moment there does not appear to be any bright spots to ease the situation.

Union of Canton will pay a dividend of 32/6.

Dairy Farm will pay a dividend of \$2.50 free of tax. It is also proposed to increase the Capital of the Company in the following manner: (1) To all shareholders registered on May 24 a bonus share in the ratio of one for one will be issued and credited as fully paid and to rank for dividend on from January 1, 1950. (2) At a later date, but only to those registered on May 24, a new issue will be offered of one for one at \$7.50 per share to be paid up on September 30 and to rank for dividend as from July 1, 1950.

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Chartered Bank 5 1/2%
Mercantile Bank A. & B. 4 1/2%
Bank of East Asia 10 1/2%

INSURANCES

Canton Ins. 4 1/2%
Union Ins. 5 1/2%
China Underwriters 5 1/2%
H.K. Fire Ins. 5 1/2%

SHIPPING

Double Line 20 1/2%
H.K. & S. Steamship 10 1/2%
Indo China (P&O) 5 1/2%
Straits (P&O) 5 1/2%
Union Waterways 5 1/2%
Asia Nat. 10 1/2%
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H.K. & S. Wharves 5 1/2%
North Point Wharves 5 1/2%
Shanghai Wharves 5 1/2%
H.K. Docks 12 1/2%
China Wharves 10 1/2%
Shanghai Dockyards 2 1/2%
Wharves 2 1/2%

MINING

Haub Mines 4 1/2%
H.K. Mines 10 1/2%
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.

H.K. Lands 35 1/2%
Shanghai Lands 15 1/2%
Jumppress 5 1/2%
H.K. Real Estate 10 1/2%
Chinese Estate 10 1/2%

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.K. Tramways 12 1/2%
Peak Trams (O&A) 10 1/2%
(New) 9 1/2%
Star Ferry 10 1/2%
C. Light (O&A) 11 1/2%, 10 1/2%, 10 1/2%
(New) 9 1/2%
H.K. Electric 24 1/2%
Macao Electric 14 1/2%
Shanghai Light 10 1/2%
Telephone 14 1/2%
Shanghai Gas 11 1/2%

INDUSTRIALS

Cold. Mfg. (Ord.) 25 1/2%
Cement 11 1/2%
H.K. Paper 14 1/2%

STORES, Etc.

Dairy Farms 18 1/2%
Watsons Ex. 18 1/2%
L. Crawford 22 1/2%
Sincere 15 1/2%
China Emporium 15 1/2%
Sun Co. Ltd. 24 1/2%
Kwong Sang Hong 10 1/2%
Wing On (H.K.) 4 1/2%
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 9 1/2%

MISCELLANEOUS

China Entertainment 14 1/2%
H.K. Cigarettes (Ord.) 24 1/2%
(New) 14 1/2%
Vibro Tissues 11 1/2%
Marshall Investments 9 1/2%
Morgan (H.K.) 10 1/2%
Shanghai Loan 10 1/2%
Yangtze 14 1/2%
Ewee 2 1/2%

COTTONS

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London, April 20.

British trade with Communist China is off up in the air and there is no telling when it may settle down. The President of the Board of Trade, Harold Wilson told the House of Commons today.

"It is not yet possible to make a realistic assessment of the future trade possibilities with China," Mr. Wilson said in response to a question from Labourite Leslie Hale, who represents the textile machinery manufacturing town of Oldham, Lancashire.

"Our traders—including exporters of textile machinery—are encountering many difficulties," Mr. Wilson said.

He ascribed these troubles to three factors:

1. The Nationalist blockade of China, which included the bombing of seaports and the shutting of merchant ships.

2. Unsettled conditions in China itself growing from the upheavals of the recent civil war.

3. Uncertainty about trade controls imposed by Communist Central People's Government.

Mr. Hale said very large orders for textile machinery were placed from China before the Communist advance swept over the whole country and substantial payments on the purchases were made when the orders were placed.

"The orders are of vital importance to the maintenance of employment in Oldham and elsewhere," said Mr. Hale, and asked bluntly:

"How soon will the difficulties be resolved?"

No sure answer

Mr. Wilson could give him no sure answer. He said the orders for textile machinery totalled £10,800,000 but it is quite uncertain how much textile machinery will be imported by China under the present Chinese Government.

Both the uncertainty and the caution which Mr. Wilson displayed are typical of puzzled Britain's patient hopefulness in trying to rebuild its relations with China since the Communist conquest.

The Foreign Office now is coming under attack from some newspapers because its recognition of Mao Tse-tung's government has not borne quick diplomatic and commercial fruit.

The Liberal London "Star" cried today that trade "worth at least £2,000,000 a year to British commercial interests may have to be regarded as lost."

It said British businessmen in Shanghai have suggested Britain ought to retaliate by refusing to buy Chinese goods.

The Foreign Office offered no symmetry to this, however.

Informal officials show there is no readiness on Britain's part to try to get tough with the Communist regime. Suggestions that Britain might withdraw her recognition of Mao Tse-tung were rejected outright by Foreign Office spokesmen.

Openly snubbed

The Conservative "Evening News" has expressed belief that J. C. Hutchinson, British Charge d'Affaires in Peking, is being ignored or just openly snubbed by the Communist government.

Informal British sources insist "snubbing" is a wrong word, although Mr. Hutchinson has seen Chinese Communist officials only twice, the last time being an interview more than a month ago.

Britain is keeping quite still about the causes of delay and official public statements in answer to Parliamentary questions give the usual view that no negotiations are possible as long as the Communists are going on.

Consequently the Foreign Office will not say even what the negotiations are stumbling over.

Officially the talks concern commodities for the exchange of Ambassadors.

Eventually the British believe the difficulties will be ironed out. Informal quarters will not even offer a guess on when that time will come.

While some critics now say that Britain may have blundered by recognizing the Communists, Foreign Office sources point out that these same critics approved of recognition when it was granted last January 6. Associated Press.

Canton Insurance Office dividend

The General Agents and Consulting Committee of the Canton Insurance Office, Limited, will recommend at the forthcoming ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders on May 17, payment of a dividend of \$15 share, free of tax, amounting to \$750,000, the transfer of \$750,000 to the reserve and to carry forward \$482,277.

The sum of \$1,000,000 has been transferred to the insurance Fund Additional Reserve in the Underwriting account and the Profit and Loss Account has been credited with a provision for taxation to \$1,295,071.

Trade talks in Tokyo

Tokyo, April 20.

American specialists at the Tokyo conference today began outlining concrete views on how to solve Asia's basic trade problems.

Seven committees, which have studied broad problems assigned to them, began making both verbal and written reports to the full session of 23 delegates. They will complete their reports tomorrow and conclude the conference on Saturday morning.

Details of the reports were not revealed. Neither was there definite indication whether the conference would make specific recommendations or proposals to Washington.

N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, April 20.

The stock market pulled out of a short but violent selling drive in good style today. Final prices showed a heavy weighting on the minus side.

Quotations in many cases, however, were well above the lows for the day. Losses ran to an extreme of about three points while gains were mostly fractional.

In the final hour of trading, almost without warning, offerings of stock began to flood the market and quotations tumbled. For nearly 15 minutes, the ticker tape lagged behind floor transactions. But the selling dribbled away as quickly as it came, and buyers picked up courage.

A lively rally started which trimmed most losses and lifted some issues into the plus column. Transfers were 2,500,000 shares.

Seven hundred and eight issues declined and 230 advanced. Brokers attributed the afternoon drop to a case of nerves among traders. There was nothing in the news to explain it. Most of the 18 most active stocks were gainers, including Magnavox, Emerson Radio, General Instrument, and Western Union.

Closing quotations:

Adams Express 2 1/2%
Alaska Juneau 3
American Can 11 1/2%
Smelting 6 3/4%
Telephone 15 1/2%
Tobacco 6 1/2%
Waterworks 1 1/2%

Aviation Corp. 3 1/2%
Baldwin Locomotives 10
Barnes 5 1/2%
Bendix Aviation 4 1/2%
Bethlehem Steel 3 1/2%
Boeing Aircraft 2 1/2%
Borden Co. 5 1/2%
Canadian Pacific 15 1/2%
J. I. Case 4 1/2%
Chrysler 3 1/2%
Colgate 4 1/2%
Commercial Solvent 17 1/2%
Coca-Cola 10 1/2%
Du Pont 7 1/2%
Eastman Kodak 4 1/2%
General Electric 4 1/2%
Motors 8 1/2%
Goodrich 8 1/2%
Goodyear 5 1/2%
Homestead Mining 4 1/2%
International Harvester 2 1/2%
Paper 4 1/2%
Steel 14 1/2%

Johns Manville 4 1/2%
Kennecott Copper 5 1/2%
Montgomery Ward 5 1/2%
National Distillers 2 1/2%
Lead 4 1/2%
New York Central 14 1/2%
Packard Motors 3 1/2%
Pan American Airways 10 1/2%
Pennsylvania RR 17 1/2%
Radio Corp. 2 1/2%
Real Silk 12 1/2%
Remington Rand 12 1/2%
Republic Steel 2 1/2%
Reynolds Tobacco 3 1/2%
Schenley 3 1/2%
Sears-Roebuck 4 1/2%
Shall Oil 3 1/2%
Socoy Vacuum 17 1/2%
Southern Pacific 5 1/2%
Standard Brands 2 1/2%
Oil of Cal. 6 1/2%
Oil of Cal. 7 1/2%

Studebaker 3 1/2%
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Attempt to smuggle medicines from HMS Triumph

Kure, April 31.

An alert sailor yesterday foiled an attempt to smuggle a large quantity of penicillin, streptomycin and other medicines from the aircraft carrier HMS Triumph to a Japanese hospital boat in Kure harbour.

Attracted by a scolding pole, the seaman noticed several of the Triumph's Chinese crew, carrying bundles and small boxes into the steamboat which had come alongside. The seaman called the Officer of the Day who played a searchlight on the water.

When the steamboat tried to make a dash for it, it was stopped by Triumph's launch, crewed by seven Japanese and two Chinese deserters from the merchant ship Tainan, who were aboard when the steamboat was searched.

MONASTERIES CLOSED DOWN

Yunnan, April 20.

All monasteries in Yunnan, and a number of other Buddhist temples were closed by Chinese police last Friday and all monks were taken in police trucks to unknown destinations.

At least 100 monks were taken to the Yunnan capital, Kunming, where they were held in a military camp.

According to the Yunnan Daily, the monks were taken to the camp because of their alleged activities in support of the Nationalist Government.

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